

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: MEMORY MODULE ASSEMBLY USING PARTIALLY DEFECTIVE CHIPS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231



SIR:

AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the First Office Action dated April 29, 1999 which set a three month period for reply. This paper is being filed in the third month after the shortened reply date. A Petition for a three month Extension of Time to reply to the present Office Action, and the required fee of \$870.00 (Fee 1.17(a)(3)) is included herewith.

PREFACE

Title of this application and of its foreign counterparts was transferred to the present owner in September 1998; however, the undersigned attorney, John C. Albrecht Reg. 18,373, was not engaged until August 26, 1999 and he received the U.S. and foreign application files on August 27, 1999. The shortened three month period for reply to the present Office Action expired more than one month prior to the undersigned's engagement in this matter.

Furthermore, although the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application was issued on December 9, 1997, the prior owner's attorneys did not file an Information Disclosure Statement within three months of that date. An Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 is presented herewith to notify the Examiner of the art cited in the International Search Report and a fee of \$240.00 (fee § 1.17(p)) is submitted herewith. This statement is being presented prior to payment of the issue fee.

Claims

The following summary of the status of claims 1 - 65 is based upon the Examiner's Detailed Action:

Claims 1 - 65 are in the application.

Claims 1 and 33 are objected to because of stated informalities.

Claims 19 - 49; and 53 - 64 are allowed.

Claims 24, 31, and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1 - 18, 50 - 52, and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Daughton et. al.

Claims 51 and 52 are objected to as being dependent on rejected claim 50.

Claims 19 - 49, and 51 - 64 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Drawing

The informal drawing filed with this application must be replaced with a formal drawing.

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 01 FC:103 180.00 OP
 02 FC:104 156.00 OP
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